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In re Application of

Yoshihiro HORI, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION: